Rating

Rapidplay ratings will be used where available; otherwise, long play ratings will be used. Unrated players will be assigned an estimate by the Controller. All results will be submitted to the ECF & FIDE (where applicable) for their Rapidplay rating list.

Ratings used for entry will be the November Ratings and January Ratings for pairings and prizes.

Clocks

Digital clocks will be used in both sections with a time limit of 20 minutes per player plus 10 seconds for each move.

Timetable

Doors Open	09.00
Round 1	09.30
Round 2	10.50
Round 3	12.10
Round 4	13.50
Round 5	15.10
Round 6	16.30

Prize Giving 17.45 or earlier if possible

Prizes

The winners of each section will receive prize money. Other prizes will be awarded. Prizes may be increased dependent on entry and at the Controller's discretion. Subject to entries, junior prizes will be awarded in the U1450 section. The highest placed Norfolk player will hold the Terry Turner Cup in the Championship, and in other sections the Peter Burnett Cup for one year.

Sections

Sections are dependent on entry, and the Controller reserves the right to merge sections. Where a higher fee may have been payable the transfer will be at no extra cost.

Refreshments

Tea, coffee, and biscuits will be available. There are no food facilities at the venue but there are pubs and food outlets a short distance from the venue. You can bring your own food.

Byes and election to play in the championship

Players may request a half point bye in the 1st round with their entry. Players may elect to play in the Championship section if not eligible by rating.

Controller

John Wickham (FIDE Arbiter) Tel: 07808 876785 Note that in all matters the Controller's decision is final.

Entry fees

Championship & Challengers - Adults £36.00 Juniors £24.50 U1450 - Adults £26.00 Juniors £14.50

ECF Adult Gold Members and above deduct £16.00.

ECF Junior Gold Members and above deduct £6.50

NOTE-Junior Gold membership is free for the first year.

Entrants in the Championship & Challengers who are not previously registered with FIDE will be registered as English on completion of the tournament

Closing date for entries

1700 hours on 31st January 2026 - Strictly no entries will be taken on the day.

Entry Form

Please use the online entry form:

https://forms.gle/szAh5bi1FxM3UGpSA

Or you can email: <u>j.r.wickham@btinternet.com</u> with the required details or complete the form in Block Capitals and send to John Wickham, 55 Shakespeare Way, Taverham, Norwich, NR8 6SL. Tel: 07808 876785

Payment Please pay by bank transfer using Account No 44416568 and Sort Code 30-90-90. Account name: Norfolk County Chess Association If using this method, then use RP plus your surname as the reference and email John Wickham (j.r.wickham@btinternet.com) to confirm payment has been made.

Full Name:	
ECF Direct Membership number:	
ECF Rating ID: FIDE ID	
Rapidplay Rating: (ECF/FIDE?)	
If none then Normal Play Rating:	
Address:	
Post Code:Email:	
Tel No:Date of birth: (Juniors only)	
Fee paid: £ Donation: £ (Optional but gratefully received)	
Cheques should be made payable to Norfolk County Chess Association	
I request a bye in Round 1: Yes / No	
I wish to play in the Championship section if not eligible by grade: Yes / No (Please delete the above two choices as appropriate)	

Data Protection

Personal Data provided on the entry form will only be used for the purpose of running the Rapidplay and letting you know of future events.

Norfolk FIDE Rated Rapidplay Congress 2026

Sunday 1st February

Horstead Tithe Barn, Rectory Road, Horstead, NR12 7EP

Starting at 9.30 am

6 Round Swiss

3 Sections: Championship (FIDE & ECF Rated) Challengers (U 1750) (FIDE & ECF Rated) U1450 (ECF Rated only)

Limited to 52 entrants

A Norfolk County Chess Association event and part of the EACU Marcus Misson Memorial Grand Prix